States of the country to the utter neglect of backward states;

(b) the names of the states which have benefited from this scheme and which have been neglected;

(c) the reasons for this discrimination; and

(d) whether Government propose to issue guidelines to decide the flow of such investments so as to achieve balanced development in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Investment locations are largely decided by entrepreneurs based on commercial considerations. With a view to attracting industries to less industrialised regions, Government are operating a scheme for the provision of infrastructural facilities for selected centres. Under this scheme, the selected centres will be provided with all basic infrastructural facilities so as to attract industries to these areas. The centres would be funded jointly by the Central Govt., State Govts., and All India Financial institutions.

Directions for Sick P.S.Us.

530. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Seminar organised by the "Fore School of Management' was held in New Delhi on 31st December, 1993 wherein it was discussed that clear and strategic directions in respect of sick public sector enterprises in the country have not been provided so far;

(b) whether the issue of privatisation of sick P.S.Us. in the context of changing economic scenario was also discussed at length from a wide variety of perspectives and whether any suggestioins in this regard were submitted to Government after going through the strategy adopted by developed countries like the UK, China, Russia, etc.; and

(c) if so, how many of them have been considered by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c). Meetings of Trade Union leaders and experts were held at "Fore School of Management" on 30.12.1993 and 3.2.1994 to evolve appropriate strategic options in respect of Sick public enterprises. It was decided in the meeting of 3.2.1994 that FORE should circulate a questionaire to all the Trade Unions to ascertain their views. No suggestion has been submitted to the Government.

Utilisation of National Renewal Fund in Gujarat

531. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to grant assistance from National Renewal Fund for the year 1994-95 only to Central Government Undertakings;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of funds allocated to the Gujarat Government from the Fund during 1993- 94·

(c) how much out of this has been utilised by that Government and on what projects;

(d) whether Government have considered the proposal of Gujarat State for assistance from this Fund; and

(e) if so, what is the total assistance that will be provided to that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.